

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 21 have been indicated to be allowable if made to incorporate the limitations of the claims on which they are dependent. Such amendment has now been completed and therefore it is believed that claims 9 and 21 are properly in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

The remaining dependent claims which have not been cancelled, have been made dependent on claims 9 or 21 or dependent on claims dependent on 9 and 21, and, therefore, are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Minor conforming and correcting amendments have been made to these claims as indicated.

New claims 48-50 have been added also dependent on claims 9 or 21. Claim 48 adds the limitation that the "elided write instruction" is a "lock variable". Support for this is found in the present application at paragraph [0077] and elsewhere. Claims 49 and 50 add the limitation that special delimiter instructions mark the beginning of the critical section. This is described at paragraph [0050] of the present invention.

The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice with respect to the filing of a possible continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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